I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS BEING DEPOSITED WITH THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE AS FIRST CLASS MAIL IN AN ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO: ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS, WASHINGTON, DC 20231, ON THE DATE INDICATED BELOW. PATENT BOX AF IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE RECEIVED In re: Patent Application of Group Art Unit: 1633 Darwin J. Prockop et DEC 26 20001 08/913,918 Examiner: Janet M. Kerr, Ph.D. Appln. No.: Filed: December 8, 1997 Attorney Docket For: ISOLATED STROMAL CELLS No. 9855-14U1 AND METHODS OF USING (209855.0057) THE SAME (TJU-1357) PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) Applicants in the above-identified application hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to and including December 20, 2000, for responding to the Office Action mailed June 20, 2000 (Paper No. 19). A response to the Office Action accompanies this Petition. X A check in the amount of \$ 445.00 is enclosed herewith. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1017 (Billing [X]No. 209855.0057) as noted below. A duplicate copy is enclosed. Extension fee in the amount of \$ .00. X Any deficiencies or overpayments in the above-calculated fee. Respectfully submitted, DARWIN J. PROCKOP ET AL. (Date) KATHRYN DOYLE, PH.D., J.D. Registration No. 36,317

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